

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY & JUNIOR COLLEGES
February 18, 1988

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 1988, in Room 502C, Sillers Building, Jackson. Members present were:

Bettye Applewhite	Bertha Daniels
Wesley C. Burkhardt, Jr.	H. J. Pearson
Thomas C. Childs, Jr.	William Terrell

Members absent were: Herdia Cauthen, Jean-Marie Hill, and Susan Purdy. Staff in attendance were: William H. Bunch, Jr., Robert L. McClellan, George V. Moody.

Chairman Childs presided. The invocation was given by Clyde Muse.

Recognition

The State Board recognized A. J. Pitt, Jr. for leadership in the development and promotion of the Itawamba Community College Endowment Program. Mr. Pitt responded that the community and junior colleges were the last chance for many capable individuals in the rural areas of the state, and he challenged others to take the lead by personal and financial endorsement of programs to encourage and enable young people to take advantage of these educational opportunities.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on January 21, 1988, were approved upon motion by Bettye Applewhite, second by Wes Burkhardt, and unanimous vote.

Reports

- a. Wes Burkhardt distributed information showing comparisons of data for the community and junior college districts and asked the material be studied as a model for the presentation of data for the use of the State Board. Chairman Childs asked members to study the material and consider at the next meeting adopting a policy to have information presented in such a manner. A copy of the material is maintained in State Board files.
- b. The Executive Director's report was given by George Moody, a copy of which is maintained in the State Board files.
- c. Clyde Muse reported on the activities of the presidents' association. He noted that the presidents voted to support the allocation recommendations as adopted by the State Board and to endorse the education budget recommendations of Governor Mabus.
- d. Tom Eason introduced Shelby Harris of East Central Junior College, and Rachael Ezell of East Mississippi Junior College, as new president and vice president of the junior college faculty association.
- e. William Terrell reported that he, as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the State Board, had attended the joint meeting of the House and Senate Universities and Colleges Committees on February 2 and 3. Copies of his

remarks were distributed.

- f. McKinley Martin reviewed the history contributing to the preplanning report of facility needs for Coahoma Junior College as authorized by SCR 521, 1987 Legislative Session. A copy of the report was given to each member. The matter was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Community College Name

The State Board unanimously approved a motion by William Terrell and second by H. J. Pearson to approve the request from East Mississippi Junior College Board of Trustees to change the name of the institution to East Mississippi Community College effective July 1, 1988.

Vocational-Technical Programs

Upon the recommendation of the Program Committee and motion by Bettye Applewhite and second by Bertha Daniels, the State Board approved the establishment of these two programs on the Poplarville campus in the Fall, 1989:

Instrumentation Technology, CIP 2.3/15.0404
Child Care and Development Technology, CIP 2.3/20.0102

Academic Center

Bettye Applewhite moved the approval of the request from Hinds Community College District to approve the Rankin Branch as an academic center. The motion was seconded by H. J. Pearson. The report of the Program Committee and discussion as the motion reflected the following:

-the Rankin Branch was established and operates as a multipurpose vocational and technical center, serving the secondary school systems of Pearl and Rankin County. Academic work is offered part-time and has shown significant increase in enrollment.

-the policy of the state with regard to the community and junior college system is to provide educational opportunities by making geographic and financial access to students.

-Rankin Branch Master Plan, commencing in 1981, projected the orderly development of academic work on 51 acre campus and three phase facility plan
- two phases completed.

-Rankin County officials and community support was evidenced, including strong financial commitment to facilities and program operation.

-County assessments exceed \$300 million (4th in state); population of 78,000 (5th in state), and projected growth in both categories.

-Significant county tax support to district and branch for capital improvements and operating budgets.

-Significant enrollment pattern established; for Fall 1987, academic - 653; vo-tech - 119; adult - 161; secondary vocational - 490; total - 1,423, without apparent effect on existing institutions.

-Public education, university system, and junior colleges were informed of proposed action; no negative responses were received; positive response from Bureau of Vocational and Technical Education.

-The academic campus designation will not incur costs to the state for capital improvements, nor for operating costs beyond those normally incurred by increased enrollment of Mississippi residents.

The State Board voted unanimously for the motion to approve the expanded designation.

Disbursements

Upon motion by Bertha Daniels and second by William Terrell, the State Board approved the disbursement of the following fund amounts for March, 1988:

Account 2292:	Academic Support	\$3,649,730.00
2293:	Vocational Support	1,000.00

State Plan for Vocational & Technical Education

Bernice Wiley presented draft copies of the state plan for vocational and technical education and reviewed the five sections thereof. Detailed presentation of the plan will be made to the Planning Committee of the State Board before the March meeting when approval of the plan is desired. Other personnel of the Bureau of Vocational and Technical Education present were: Kermit Nations, Susan McRae, and Bill Blasingame.

Moratorium on Centers

The Executive Director noted the need for the State Board to review the current policy and practice regarding off-campus or extension academic coursework. Upon motion by Bettye Applewhite and second by Wes Burkhardt, the State Board voted to study the policy regarding academic courses offered at locations other than approved academic centers and, during this period of study, to establish a moratorium on requests for approval of academic centers.

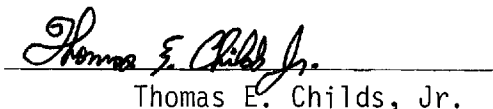
Adjournment

No other business was pending for consideration. Adjournment was announced at 3:40 p.m.

Signed By:


George V. Moody

Approved By:


Thomas E. Childs, Jr.

Date:

March 17, 1988